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Three Counties In New Jersey Added To Phila. District

With the addition of three counties in New Jersey, the new Philadelphia Metropolitan Defense Area awaits only the appointment of a U. S. Coordinator to begin full functioning.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the State Council of Defense, explained the sequence of action in a letter to the affected Pennsylvania Councils of Defense as follows:

"On Tuesday, Sept. 23, Governor James proclaimed a District Council of Defense for the five Pennsylvania counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks. He did this after agreement with Mayor LaGuardia, U. S. Director of Civilian Defense.

"It was understood that since Governor James had jurisdiction only over Pennsylvania counties, Mayor LaGuardia would immediately extend this Defense District across Interstate lines.

"Mayor LaGuardia took this action immediately, and on Sept. 26 proclaimed the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area of Defense to include the five Pennsylvania counties and three New Jersey counties (Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester)."

In taking his action, Mayor LaGuardia announced that he would shortly name a U. S. Coordinator to coordinate the defense activities of the Metropolitan Area, with the help and advice of an advisory council made up of one representative each from Pennsylvania and New Jersey, and the chairmen of the participating County Councils of Defense.

LaGuardia also extended "expressions of gratitude for your fine cooperation" to Governor James.

After the U. S. Coordinator is appointed, it is expected that he will be provided with special emergency defense equipment which LaGuardia will ask Congress to purchase for use anywhere within the eight Metropolitan counties.

Meanwhile the responsibility of County and Local Councils of Defense within the Metropolitan Area is not to be decreased in any way, Dr. Marts emphasized in his letter to these Councils. "No power has been surrendered or shifted," he said, "and you will continue to discharge your responsibility with the same authority which you had previously."

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DEFENSE INSTITUTES TO START ON OCTOBER 20

Institute Dates

Oct.	County	Place
20-21	Lackawanna	Scranton
22-23	Northampton	Easton
23-24	Lehigh	Alentown
*24-27	Schuylkill	Pottsville
27-28	Berks	Reading
28-29	Lebanon	Lebanon
29-30	Dauphin	Harrisburg
30-31	York	York

20	Lancaster	Lancaster
21	Carbon	Mauch Chunk
22	Monroe-Pike	Stroudsburg
23	Wayne	Honesdale
24	Susquehanna	Montrose
27	Northumberland	Sunbury
28	Lycoming	Williamsport
29	Bradford and Sullivan	Towanda
30	Wyoming	Tunkhannock
31	Columbia and Montour	Bloomsburg

* Sunday intervenes

Council Sponsors Medical Conclave

Full participation of Pennsylvania's physicians, hospitals, nurses, and Red Cross chapters in the program of Emergency Medical Services proposed by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense will be sought at a meeting in Harrisburg next Tuesday, Oct. 14.

The meeting, called by the State Council of Defense, will bring together representatives of state medical and health organizations and the deans of medical schools.

Under the proposed program of the OCD, as outlined in its Medical Division Bulletin No. 1, Local Councils of Defense are to select a health or medical advisory committee to collaborate with Red Cross chapters and hospitals in organizing as many of the services as are needed locally.

Services proposed include emergency medical field units and widespread training of nurses' aides and first aid workers. Next week's meeting will develop plans for the scope of the program in Pennsylvania.

ELECTED BY COUNCIL

Arthur L. Cotton, of 125 Lakewood Ave., West View, has taken up his new duties as field representative in the Erie region following his election by the State Council of Defense.

The counties he will contact are Erie, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Clarion, Forest, Elk, McKean, and Warren. All regions in the state except one are now served by field representatives.

Plan Is Endorsed By Eastern Counties At Meeting This Week

The schedule and program for County Defense Institutes is being whipped into final shape following endorsement of the general plan at a meeting of County Council of Defense representatives of eastern counties at Harrisburg on Wednesday.

The institutes are to start on October 20 and, according to the schedule drawn up, will be held in at least 22 eastern counties before the close of the month. Central and western counties will be covered by later schedules.

As a result of suggestions made at the Harrisburg meeting, a number of counties in non-metropolitan areas will have one-night institutes instead of the two nights originally planned.

Two-night institutes, however, are still planned in Lackawanna, Luzerne, Northampton, Lebanon, Dauphin, York, Lehigh, Schuylkill, and Berks counties.

The general program was explained at the meeting by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D., and Dr. Fred C. Hosler, head of the Public Service Institute of the State Department of Public Instruction, who is cooperating in the arrangements.

Six general subjects will be covered by teams of speakers who will appear at the institutes. These topics are: air raid precautions, fire-fighting and fire prevention, health and medical services, first aid and canteen, physical education, and American unity.

In counties having one-night institutes, two of the topics may be covered by a single speaker so that the program will not be too lengthy. The one night program was preferred by these counties because of travel difficulties and less interest in air raid precautions than is felt in the city areas.

In most cases, the County Council of Defense spokesmen expressed preference for one-county institutes, be-

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FILTER CENTERS READY

An army of women volunteers is ready to operate filter stations in Philadelphia and Harrisburg during the air raid alarm tests opening this week.

The volunteers, enrolled through the Councils of Defense in the two cities, received 40 hours of instruction from army officers. Those given the training were selected from nearly 1200 who reported at Philadelphia, and 300 who reported at Harrisburg. Duties of the women include telephone switchboard operating, typing, message filing, and map board plotting.

Scranton has enrolled 380 volunteers, who will receive instructions later.

The filter centers will take reports from "spotters" manning outdoor observation posts, plot the course and strength of the "enemy" planes, and relay the information to Mitchell Field, L. I.

Consumer Units Will Assist In Nutrition

Close cooperation between consumer committees of Local Councils of Defense and local units of the State Nutrition Council is urged by Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the S.C.D.

By agreement between Dr. Marts and Dr. Laura Drummond, chairman of the Nutrition Council, the local nutrition committees now being organized will have one member from the local consumer committee, and the latter in turn will be expected to appoint one member from the nutrition group.

The State Council of Defense and the State Nutrition Council collaborated in holding the nutrition-consumer conference at Harrisburg two weeks ago.

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Dr. Marts revealed also that the State Council of Defense and the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense are now conducting discussions with a view to creating a Metropolitan Area of Defense in western Pennsylvania to include Pittsburgh and surrounding industrial areas.

Air Raid Wardens Get Their First Taste Of Active Duty 'Under Fire'

"Chester giving experimental air raid warning. Sound your practice siren."

Messages like this one, which is typical for Delaware county, will be flashing over telephone wires and police radio hookups this weekend as Air Raid Wardens in 22 eastern counties of Pennsylvania try out their new alarm systems in the Army's first air raid tests.

The tests, extending from Boston to Norfolk, and involving Army air defenses as well as civilian "spotting" and alarm systems, will find regulation alarm boxes functioning in all of the participating Pennsylvania counties, Ralph E. Flinn, Chief Air Raid Warden of the S.C.D., reported.

Army bombers (acting as "enemy" craft) and pursuit planes, will fly an estimated 1,000,000 miles during the eight-day tryout to make the tests realistic.

Starting officially on Oct. 9, the tests will be on an intensive scale on the

afternoons of Oct. 10 and 14. Several Pennsylvania centers—Doylestown, Newtown, Quakertown, Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre, and Pennsburg—are planning practice blackouts for the night of Oct. 10. Blackouts were not encouraged, however, because of the incomplete state of preparations.

An example of the plans made for spreading the alarm from alarm centers to outlying communities is offered by Delaware county, where Air Raid Warden William F. Delehanty has assigned certain "sub-centers" to be given the alarm from Chester and Upper Darby, and the sub-centers in turn to warn surrounding "locals." Sirens will be sounded after an alarm is received.

Filter centers at Philadelphia and Harrisburg will receive reports from outdoor observers and relay them to Mitchell Field, L. I., from which the alarm will be sent to county alarm centers. The filter centers are staffed by women volunteers obtained by the Local Councils of Defense.

DEFENSE GARDENS ARE PLANNED NEXT SPRING

Plans for community gardens in Lycoming county next spring as a project of Boy and Girl Scouts have received encouragement from the State Council of Defense.

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director of the State Council of Defense, in advising Elton B. Edkin, secretary of the Lycoming council, to lend encouragement to the plan, said the U. S. Department of Agriculture has indicated it will stimulate the production of certain crops in 1942. These surplus foods probably will be sent to Europe when the war blockade is lifted.

A decision on what type of crops the Lycoming Scouts are to raise will be made later in the winter.

Farm Women Assume Defense Responsibilities

Farm women are assuming many new duties and responsibilities as a result of the defense program, Mrs. F. A. Miller, president of the Society of Farm Women of Pennsylvania, points out in a letter to Mrs. William J. Clothier, member of the State Council of Defense.

"Any woman interested in any phase of agriculture should be planning now for next season's crops," said Mrs. Miller. "She must be prepared to preserve as many of those crops as possible, thus helping to stabilize the market. She must plant much to help carry out the national program of an abundant food crop next year."

Mrs. Miller also pledged the cooperation of her group in Red Cross and civilian defense undertakings. From Washington, meanwhile, came word that the country's 800 Rural Electrification Administration cooperatives have been invited to participate in rural and county defense councils.

Consumer Problems Stressed At Meeting

A clearer picture of consumer protection activities has resulted from the recent state-wide Nutrition and Consumer conference and the issuance of Bulletin No. 20 by the State Council of Defense.

The conference sessions, held at Harrisburg, under joint sponsorship of the S.C.D., the U. S. Office of Price Administration, and the State Nutrition Council, were highlighted by the appearance of Miss Harriet Elliott, chief of the Consumer Division of OPA.

An estimated 600 persons, the largest attendance at any one session, heard Miss Elliott warn that "the prices you will pay in the next few months are but a mild, bland taste of what's ahead unless something is done."

Miss Elliott recommended, in addition to group action by consumer committees, a general restraint against "self-indulgent" buying—the buying of unneeded products that use up vital defense materials and at the same time create shortages and boost prices. Now is the time to save extra earnings, instead of spending them, she counseled.

In a talk outlining suggested consumer committee activities, Eugene R. Guinter, Pennsylvania field representative of the Consumer Division of OPA, declared that one of the first jobs is to make consumers aware of what is happening to their buying power. This, he said, would develop public support for price protests, conservation of supplies, and other steps.

Bulletin No. 20, distributed at the conference and later mailed to County and Local Councils of Defense, gives practical suggestions for the makeup of consumer committees and for energetic activities.



DISCUSS INSTITUTES—Representatives of eastern counties pictured on Capitol stairway following Harrisburg conference on Defense Institutes this week. Left to right: Bottom row—Howard Fernster, Schuylkill county; C. D. Boden, Northumberland County; R. H. Coates, Physical Training division of OCD, Philadelphia; George S. Love, York County; S. B. Heim, Lycoming; E. B. Edkin, Lycoming; Stuart Prutzman, Carbon.

Second row—E. V. Bulleit, Adams; C. G. Coleman, Snyder; D. H. Reeves, Schuylkill; H. W. Gebhardt, Pike; L. Ramsey, Monroe; George Robinson, Monroe; Lee Mack, Adams; Miss Helen Schreiner, OCD, Washington; A. H. Howell, Wayne.

Third row—A. L. Cotton, SCD field staff; Walter G. Clark, Tioga;

Dr. A. C. Marts, executive director, SCD; James J. McDonald, SCD field staff; E. R. Innes, Bradford; Col. J. Hale Steinman, Lancaster; Richard Mehring, SCD field staff; Col. T. H. Atherton, Luzerne.

Fourth row—L. H. Huber, Franklin County; A. Boyd Hamilton, secretary, SCD; Harry Hirsch, SCD field staff; J. W. Savage, Berks; James B. Bamford, Berks; John G. Sandt, Northampton.

Top row—J. Glen Benedict, Franklin County; D. Edward Long, Franklin County, Mrs. Jean Doverspike, SCD staff; Dr. William J. Ross, Dauphin; Miss Mary Moore, secretary; Dr. Fred Hosler and R. C. Carver, Public Service Institute; John G. Watson, SCD field staff; Bayard Maust, SCD field staff.

Top right—H. D. Case, Lebanon; C. W. Bennett, SCD field staff; Gen. Frank D. Beary, Lehigh.

Defense Institutes to Start

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cause of the inconvenience of traveling to a neighboring county. Joint institutes for Sullivan-Bradford counties, at Towanda; Columbia-Montour, at Bloomsburg; and Pike-Monroe, at Stroudsburg, were approved, however.

In making arrangements for the institutes, the State Council of Defense will provide the speakers and arrange for their transportation, while the County Council of Defense will provide the meeting place—preferably a high school auditorium, courthouse, or city hall. The County Council also will arrange for music and will extend invitations to community leaders. All County and Local Council of Defense members are asked to attend the institutes.

CHAIRMEN NAMED

Carbon County reports the appointment of Stuart Prutzman as chairman of its County Council of Defense. A change has been made also in Cumberland county, with the appointment of Jacob Goodyear as chairman.

FAIR RENT COMMITTEES

SHOW PROGRESS

Success in combatting unwarranted rent increases is reported by the Fair Rent Committees functioning under Defense Councils in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Allentown, Chester, and other cities.

The method of establishing these committees, and their duties are outlined in Bulletin No. 19 recently distributed by the State Council of Defense. The Council recommends creation of Fair Rent Committees only where defense work has created an abnormal demand for living quarters.

The Fair Rent Committee in Pittsburgh designated April 30 as the last date when rents were "normal". All increases since then must be justified. Most of the landlords against whom complaints were made cooperated by submitting reasons for the increases. Extensive repairs to the property led the list of reasons.

Philadelphia's Fair Rent Committee,

headed by Judge N. S. Winnet, settled nine complaints at its meetings and reported 11 adjusted between tenants and landlords themselves. Other cases are in the process of adjustment.

The Allentown Committee has passed on to Washington the results of its first 60 cases. They show a high percentage of satisfactory adjustments.

Twelve tenants appeared to make protests at a meeting of the Chester committee which was attended by A. E. Casgrain, field representative of the Rent Section, U. S. Office of Price Administration. The committee has set January 1, 1941, as its "normal date" for judging the reasonableness of rent increases.

Under arrangements made by the State Council of Defense, Casgrain is available to help Local and County Councils desiring to form Fair Rent Committees.

News from the Local Councils

Chairman E. C. Stone of the Pittsburgh Defense Council says defense is "not something to be completed and forgotten tomorrow or the next day" and adds that "we must lay a solid foundation for a going organization which will function efficiently if and when the emergency occurs." He made his observations to Reporter Richard Lamb of the *Pittsburgh Press*, who wrote a series of articles to show citizens what they may face and how they can get ready. The series ran from September 8 through September 12.

Port Vue's Defense Council fell "heir" to \$470 left over when the War Chest Committee of 1918 closed its work in that Allegheny county borough. The council is compiling a list of all borough men in the armed services so that close contact can be kept with them. A Thanksgiving party is being planned for all soldiers who come home for the holiday.

Believing many people do not realize that "an emergency is definitely with us now," the Chester City Council of Defense is setting a second date for registration of civilian volunteers. The first enrollment day failed to bring out the number of civilians wanted, and Defense Co-ordinator Paul J. Carey is formulating a program of education.

A public demonstration of the various types of incendiary bombs was scheduled recently by the Pottstown Defense Council. Among invited guests were representatives from Pottstown's 20 defense industries.

The Service Men's Center operating under the Harrisburg defense council reports 477 soldiers dropped in during August for assistance of various kinds, three times the number who called during June. Information services to soldiers and to defense industry workers are part of the Center's program.

Lancaster county had a "dress rehearsal" for its part in the air raid alarm test now underway in 19 eastern counties. Planes from the Lancaster Airport flew about the county to sharpen the eyes of the observers for the big test to come.

The Junior League of Pittsburgh is appropriating \$5000 a year to finance a Civilian Defense Volunteer Bureau in Pittsburgh. The bureau has been established under sponsorship of the Federation of Social Agencies to operate as a division of the Pittsburgh Defense Council. Both men and women will be enrolled not only for emergency tasks but also to work in existing social agencies.

The Monaca Defense Council is looking ahead to Armistice Day. Arrangements have been for the council to have a float in the Armistice parade, Burgess Elmer E. Hicks, chairman of the council, reported.

The Chester City Council of Defense, after deciding to organize a class for instruction in the use of firearms, ran into difficulty in obtaining primers and casings for cartridges. The problem was finally worked out, and a member of the Chester police force will instruct the class.

G. Fred Ziegler, chairman of the Greencastle Defense Council, is busy filling speaking engagements brought about by the desire of various organizations to learn about the purpose and function of a Defense Council. Among the groups he has addressed are the Greencastle Rotary Club and the Greencastle-Antrim Women's Club.

Firemen were used to "pinch hit" for Boy Scouts when the Narberth Defense Council distributed blanks for the enrollment of civilian volunteers. Boy Scouts had intended to make the house-to-house distribution, but were prevented by regulations resulting from the infantile paralysis epidemic. Policemen assisted the firemen.

New Councils List Names Of Chairmen

A roll call of Pennsylvania's 67 counties now shows County Councils of Defense fully organized in 60 of them and some form of Council functioning in the remaining seven counties.

Allegheny county, for instance, while not organized on a county-wide basis, has strong Councils of Defense in Pittsburgh, McKeesport, and several other centers. Dauphin county, previously unorganized, has just formed a joint council with the Harrisburg Council of Defense.

The counties still lacking county councils are Allegheny, Mercer, Venango, Clarion, Forest, Butler, and Fayette. Four of these counties expect to appoint their Council of Defense this month.

Most recent of the new county councils, and their chairmen, are:

Franklin county—D. Edward Long
Fulton county—J. S. Alexander
Jefferson county—Milton C. Sutter
Northumberland county—Clyde D. Boden

Potter county—James S. Berger
Schuylkill county—Howard Fernsler
Wyoming county—Robert Trembath

A number of new Local Councils of Defense raising to 520 the total number of defense councils in the state, have been organized since the last listing in the DEFENSE COUNCIL NEWS. Grouped according to counties,

Philadelphia Plants Form Fire Brigades

The Philadelphia Council of Defense has completed a survey of 1100 plants making vital defense products, and is stimulating the organization of brigades of fire-fighters among employees of each company.

A bulletin on "Protection of Industrial Plants and Public Buildings," covering fire-fighting and other phases of protection, is being published now by the U. S. Office of Civilian Defense and will be distributed through the State Council of Defense. The plan is to have factories, institutions, etc., take steps similar to those already started in Philadelphia.

Among other activities reported by the Philadelphia Council of Defense is the signing up of more than 1700 volunteers for the auxiliary fire corps and 1000 for the emergency police force.

Captain Frank A. Rowe, coordinator of the city's paid firemen and the new auxiliary firemen, reported after a survey trip along the eastern seaboard that "these other towns may be ahead of us in publicity, but they're not ahead of us in actually completed arrangements."

the new Local Councils and their chairmen are:

ALLEGHENY—North Versailles Twp., Alva C. Hohing; Versailles Twp., J. Chester Kerr; Clairton, Mayor John J. Mullen.
BEAVER—Midland, W. I. McInerney; New Brighton, Thomas G. Bishop; Hopewell Twp., Alfred S. Warren.
BEDFORD—Bedford, H. Cyril Bingham; Hyndman, L. E. Christner; Everett, O. A. Oliver.

BERKS—West Lawn, H. R. Welder.
BLAIR—Duncansville, Elmer F. Delozier.
BUCKS—Bristol Borough, William J. Begley; Middletown Twp., Horace Cooper; New Britain, Francis G. Myers.
CENTRE—Bellefonte, Aaron Leitzel; Port Matilda, Leo Moershbacher.
CHESTER—Coatesville, J. Irvin Hoffman.
CUMBERLAND—Newville, Rev. Paul F. Curfman; Mt. Holly Springs, Lester J. Melly.
DELAWARE—Aston Twp., B. Omer Howard; Chester Twp., John Rodenbaugh; Clifton Heights, Burgess Herbert J. McKeagie; Collingdale, Samuel L. Neville; Eddystone, George Dempsey; Edmont Twp., A. B. Smith; Lower Chester Twp., Verne J. Weber; Marcus Hook, Franklin Hull; Middletown Twp., Roger F. Paterel; Nether Providence Twp., T. Jay Sproul; Norwood, Somers C. Wright; Thornbury Twp., Harvey P. Martin; Trainer, Herman M. Benjamin; Upland, Robert Barter, Jr.; Upper Providence Twp., Harry Bhial.

FAYETTE—Dawson, W. T. Laird.
FULTON—Ayr Twp., George Comer and Edgar Tritle; Belfast Twp., Morgan Gordon and Phillip Ranch; Bethel Twp., Scott Smith and Roy Layton; Brush Creek Twp., William C. Wakefield and Orville Ducall; Dublin Twp., C. Stull Baldwin and A. C. McCoy; Licking Creek Twp., Wilmer Sipes and Clem C. Mellett; McConnellsburg, Harry Elvey and Wilmer Hays; Taylor Twp., H. P. Barton and Blaine Berkstresser; Thompson Twp., Harvey Gregory and Ray Weller; Todd Twp., Ernest Berkstresser and Robert Purnell; Union Twp., Orben L. Hebner and Ralph E. McKee; Wells Twp., Howard Waring and Ellis Sprowl.

LUZERNE—Exeter, A. J. McCawley.
LYCOMING—Williamsport, Mayor Leo C. Williamson.

MONTGOMERY—Cheltenham Twp., Sidney L. Wright; Springfield Twp., David G. Birdsall.
NORTHAMPTON—East Bangor, Herbert Dillard; Martins Creek, Harry A. Bonser; Mt. Bethel Twp., Harry A. Bonser; Nazareth, Harley P. Yeisley; Northampton, Paul E. Lentz; Pen Argyl, Lloyd Yeisley; Wind Gap, Allen L. Buskirk.

NORTHUMBERLAND—Sunbury, Madison W. Beers.

SCHUYLKILL—Shenandoah, F. J. Toole.
UNION—Hartleton, Clayton Shirk.
YORK—Delta, R. O. McLaughton.